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A Test of Philosophy.

Slowbetter is a calm man, not easily
upset. On one occasion, as his motor-
car had come to a sudden stop, he
crawled underneath it to see what was
the matter.

Somehow or other some petrol ignit-
ed. A fierce burst of flame and
smoke came forth, enveloping Slowbet-
ter. In the midst of the excitement he
walked to one side with his usual slow
and regular step. His face was black,
his eyebrows and eyelashes were
singled, and what was left of his hair
and beard was a sight to behold.

Some one brought a mirror, and he
had a look at himself. As usual, how-
ever, he took matters philosophically.
"Well," he said slowly and delibera-
tely, "I was needing a shave and my
hair cut anyway."—Exchange.

Our First Free School.

The first free school established in
the United States was in the province
of Massachusetts Bay in the year 1641
by order of the general colonial court.
In 1647 the same authority declared
that free schools should be established
within every town having fifty house-
holders under penalty of a fine of \$25.
This fine was doubled by a declaration
made in 1671 and again doubled in
1683.

Lead Soldiers.

"So you are playing with your sol-
diers, Willie?" said the caller.

"Yes, ma'am."

"They seem very heavy soldiers."

"Yes, ma'am. They're on their way
home from the war and they've got a
lot of lead in 'em."—Yonkers States-
man.

Warranted Not to Fail.

Doctor—Your wife needs outdoor ex-
ercise more than anything else. Hus-
band—But she won't go out. What
am I to do? Doctor—Give her plenty
of money to shop with.

Getting In Debt.

Poverty is hard, but debt is horrible.
A man might as well have a smoky
house and a scolding wife, which are
said to be the two worst evils of our
life.—Spurgeon.

Fine Field.

Madge—Did you have anything to
talk about at the club meeting? Mar-
jorie—Lots! On account of the storm
there were only three of us present.—
Judge.

Two Wonderful Clocks.

One of the most wonderful clocks in
the world is owned by a Frenchman,
Louis Descutter. It is mounted on a
Louis Seize stand and has four faces.
Besides marking the hours, it shows
the tides at six different parts of the
world, the mean time and the solar
time, the age of the moon, the move-
ments of the planets and all eclipses.
It is also a perpetual calendar. It was
made by Janvier of Paris in 1789 and
took eleven years to manufacture.

San Diego, Cal., has a wonderful
clock with twenty dials, which tell the
time simultaneously in all parts of the
world, also the days of the week and
the date and month. It stands twenty-
one feet high, and four of its dials are
each four feet in diameter. It is in-
closed in plate glass, so that every ac-
tion can be seen, and the whole is illu-
minated every night. It is jeweled
with tourmaline, topaz, agate and jade
and required fifteen months to build.
The motive power is a 200 pound
weight. The cost of the clock was \$3,
000.—People's Home Journal.

Styles In Indian Names.

Although among the Indians there
are not so many Deerslayers as there
were in the days of James Fenimore
Cooper, yet many of the names still
possess strong individuality. This is
shown by examining the names that
were prominent in a recent sale of In-
dian lands in the Standing Rock reser-
vation, in the Dakotas.

Here, for instance, was found Bar-
ney Two Bears, an amiable neighbor
to Miss Katie Good Crow. Melba
Crowghost and Mary Yellow Fat have
adjoining tracts, and there are also
Mrs. Crazy Walking and Jack Elk
Ghost in the same section.
It is not to be wondered at that
Mary Lean Dog looks enviously from
her door when Agatha Big Shield goes
by with her aristocratic name, nor
could any one blame Jennie Dog Man
and Mary Shave Head if they fell all
over themselves to assume on short no-
tice the heroic name borne by Morris
Thundershield, heir apparent to Long
Step Thundershield.—New York Times.

Not Too Thick.

"Are the fish thick here?"
"Well, not too thick, sir," answered
the native. "We have to use this lake
partly for navigation."—Louisville Cou-
rier-Journal.



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Why They Walk in Circles.

"If you were lost in a desert or in a
forest and tried to find your way out,"
says a well known scientist, "you
would be almost sure to walk in a
circle." This well known fact is due
to a slight inequality in the length of
the legs. Careful measurements of a
series of skeletons have shown that
only 10 per cent had the lower limbs
equal in length, 35 per cent had the
right limb longer than the left, while
in 55 per cent the left limb was the
longer.

The result of one limb being longer
than the other will naturally be that a
person will unconsciously take a longer
step with the longer limb, and conse-
quently will tend to the right or left,
according as the left or right leg is the
longer. The left leg being more fre-
quently the longer, the inclination
should take place more frequently to
the right than to the left, and this con-
clusion is quite borne out by observa-
tions made on a number of persons
when walking blindfolded. The in-
equality in the length of limb is not
confined to any sex or race, but seems
to be universal in all respects.

Courtesy in Business Pays.

In the American Magazine is a story
by Fred C. Kelly to prove that cour-
tesy in business pays. It has to do
with George C. Boldt, manager of the
Waldorf-Astoria in New York city and
former manager of a Philadelphia hos-
telry.

"One night when all the hotels in
Philadelphia were crowded and it was
almost impossible to obtain a room a
man and his wife drove up to Boldt's
hotel and asked in a tone of despair if
he could not give them a place to sleep.
"Yes," Boldt told them; "you can
take my room. That's all I have."

"The next morning the guest told
Boldt that a manager with his sense
of courtesy would be an assured suc-
cess in a much larger hotel.

"And," added the guest, "I'm willing
to provide you with the hotel."

"Since then that same guest has in-
vested many millions of dollars in ho-
tels under Boldt's direction. The guest
was William Waldorf Astor."

The Silver Fox.

The silver fox is really a black fox,
instead, as some persons suppose, of be-
ing almost white or a silver gray. The
name is given on account of the pres-
ence of glistening white and grayish
hairs which appear among the black.
In the better grades the long, silky
brush has a tip of pure white. About
a quarter of a century ago the little
animal, which weighs when full grown
only about twelve pounds, became al-
most extinct. Because of the beauty
of its fur the species was trapped un-
til almost the last of them had disap-
peared. For a long time the standard
price offered by the Hudson Bay com-
pany for silver fox pelts was around
\$1,000, and the efforts of the French
Canadians, half breeds and Indian
trappers to obtain this sum, to them a
fortune, can be better imagined than
described.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Curious Recruiting Custom.

The Russian army in the early part
of the nineteenth century had a cu-
rious way of raising troops. A levy of
two to four men out of every 500 were
selected and then medically examined
at the army's headquarters, either at
Moscow or St. Petersburg (now Petro-
grad). If the recruit successfully passed
he was then turned over to an offi-
cer, who saw to it that he was cor-
rectly measured and, if the proper
height, was sent into another apart-
ment, where the front part of his head
was shaved. If rejected as being med-
ically unfit or short of the necessary
height the back part of his head was
then shorn of its locks to prevent him
from appearing again among new
levies.

Heavy Holes.

Mrs. Newed—I would like a pound of
your best cheese.

Grocer—Yes, ma'am.

Mrs. Newed (examining it)—Why,
this cheese is full of holes.

Grocer—Yes, ma'am; that's the way
it comes.

Mrs. Newed—Well, I don't want any
of it. I'm not going to pay for a pound
of cheese that contains a half pound of
holes!

Quite Deliberate.

"I am glad to say," remarked Mr.
Seekton, "that I never spoke a hasty
word to you."

"No, Leonidas," answered his wife
rather gently; "I'm willing to give you
credit for not hurrying about any-
thing."



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